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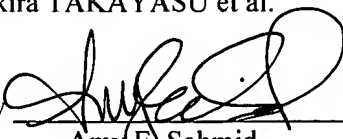
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1a. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

within three months of the filing date (or of entry into the National Stage) of the above-entitled application, or

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3. ☐ Consideration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.

4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

a. ☒ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,

b. ☐ a foreign search report (all in the English language) submitted herewith,

c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,

- d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. ☐ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5. ☒ Chinese, Russian and Indian Office Actions (all in the English language) citing the reference are enclosed.
6. ☒ COMMENTS

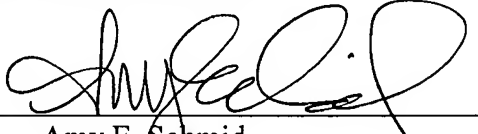
The reference cited herein is an English translation of JP 2002-079598. JP '598 was originally cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 9, 2006, and was cited in the International Search Report and the International Report on Patentability. The International Search Report was submitted with the IDS of February 9, 2006.

JP '598 was then cited in Office Actions in the corresponding Chinese, Russian and Indian applications (all submitted herewith, together with English translations). The Office Actions of the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the Patent Office of the Russian Federation stated that original claim 1 of the present application lacked novelty in view of JP '598.

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